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CRISIS IN KHADI AND CARPET INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether serious crisis in Khadi & Carpet Industry in the country has come to the notice of the Union Government;

(b): if so, the steps taken and proposed for marketing, renovation, development, insurance and welfare of labours of these industries; and

(c): the number of districts in Uttar Pradesh where carpet industries are running?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): No serious crisis in the carpet industry has been reported. While there is no serious crisis as such in the khadi industry either, the production and sales of khadi products and generation of employment opportunities in the khadi sector have been nearly stagnant in the recent past.

(b) : Government has dissolved the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) in October, 2004 and recently appointed an Expert Committee with terms of reference which include thorough review of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act, 1956, Khadi and Village Industries Commission Rules, 1957, etc., on the one hand, and of the activities/schemes of the KVIC since its inception, on the other, and suggesting appropriate measures for improvement with a view to making KVIC a more professional and effective body for implementation of the existing or new KVI programmes/schemes by enhancing employment and income generation in the rural areas and expanding the markets for khadi and village industry products.

(c) : In Uttar Pradesh, the carpet industry is largely concentrated in Mirzapur, Bhadohi, Varanasi, Allahabad, Jaunpur, Sonbhadra, Shah Jahanpur and Agra Districts.